

this program. 36 percent of the funding will go toward research costs, 30.5 percent of this funding will go toward equipment and cores, 23.5 percent will go to miscellaneous needs, including a sequencing machine, cell sorter, and auto starter.

#### HONORING RECIPIENTS OF THE 2009 THIRD DISTRICT EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

##### HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor ten individuals, organizations and businesses from Nebraska for receiving the 2009 Third District Excellence in Economic Development Award.

Nebraska, like many rural states, unfortunately has seen a "brain drain" in recent years and, now more than ever, needs entrepreneurs and innovators.

In May, I called for nominations for individuals, businesses, and organizations which have helped strengthen Nebraska communities. These entrepreneurs do more than just build successful businesses. They host charity events, serve on local chambers of commerce, and shape the character of our towns and cities.

The nominations came from many different people, from a teenager starting his own lawn-mowing business to a mainstay in the Nebraska business community. All of the nominees have shown they are striving to help their home towns succeed into the future.

Steve Brown, of Thedford, began an entrepreneurial scholarship for graduating seniors if they return to the community and begin a business, which was matched by the Custer County Chief. He is also the president of the Thedford Area Community Foundation board. The TACF has held a banquet for the past 5 years and has brought in close to \$25,000 every year. They then have given up to \$15,000 back to the community for repairs and improvements.

Since 1977 Adam Broughton has helped promote the City of York, saved jobs, and established and expanded a number of businesses. He has served with the York Chamber of Commerce, the York County Development Corporation, and Sertoma. He was instrumental in obtaining two \$500,000 grants for the community of York, one for Gerber Foods Corporation and the other for Great West Teeuwissen Corporation. Those grants have helped keep over 40 jobs and the businesses in York. Adam helped to start Crystal Lake Foods, which processes food products for the United States and Asian Rim countries.

In less than 4 years, Clark Swihart of Columbus has built a company employing 14 Nebraskans and is a rapidly growing e-commerce company, specializing in unique promotional products—such as custom silicone wristbands, t-shirts, and more. He has created a unique service, jobs, and revenue.

Began as a combined effort of Twin Valleys Public Power District in Cambridge, Southwest Nebraska RC&D in Cambridge, and Trail Blazers RC&D in Red Cloud, the Furnas/Harlan Partnership of Arapahoe is striving to build a

unified vision for economic development in Furnas and Harlan counties. The Partnership works with individual communities to help promote the surrounding communities and educate residents to help further their careers.

GROW Nebraska of Holbrook is a non-profit organization which has helped hundreds of small businesses and entrepreneurs in Nebraska for more than 10 years. From training sessions to networking and access to new markets through cooperative ads, GROW has helped Nebraska business grow and succeed. Recently GROW Nebraska was selected as a finalist for the eBay Seller's Challenge. GROW has also introduced a Flavors Project. The project gives people "GROW bucks" and allows them to use them at various participating locations just like cash.

Rich and Kellie Patterson, owners and operators of Hometown Hardware in Kimball, have made a name for themselves through their dedication to customer service and devotion to community. The young couple have been described as an "anchor of our downtown" and in just 2 years have already expanded their store.

Though only in high school, Ryan Grossnicklaus of Aurora owns and operates a lawn mowing company in Aurora and was recently awarded a scholarship by the National Federation of Independent Business Young Entrepreneur Foundation.

Todd Messing of Columbus started his own business, Messinc, in 2004. Todd is involved in the New Neighborhoods Initiative grant process to provide affordable housing to those with low to moderate income. His main goal is to provide assistance to community and economic development using education and volunteerism while keeping a profitable and environmentally-friendly business process.

Finally, Xpanxion LLC of Kearney is an international software development company which has placed a priority on hiring Nebraskans, has opened a quality assurance center in Kearney, and has focused on working closely with the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Xpanxion's has already created 16 full-time jobs and 4 part-time positions, and plan to add more jobs in the future. Xpanxion has helped curb the "brain drain" by hiring employees back to rural Nebraska from places outside of Nebraska.

I am proud to be able to recognize all of the honorees today and I thank them for their service to Nebraska.

#### HONORING KIMBERLY BRAZIER UPON RECEIPT OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

##### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2009*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a young woman in my district, Kimberly Brazier.

Kimberly will receive the Girl Scout Gold Award on August 3, 2009. For her project, she made two decorative wall quilts for the Huntington Hills Center for Health and Rehabilitation for senior citizens there to enjoy. I wish to commend Kimberly for her community service.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2009*

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in HR 3326:

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Army—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: (1) Drexel University, (2) Waterfront Technology Center

Address of Requesting Entity: (1) 3141 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104; (2) 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3.8 million for Applied Communications and Information Networking (ACIN). ACIN enables the warfighter to rapidly deploy state-of-the-practice communications and networking technology for warfighting and National Security. This funding will build on funding from previous years to fully develop this technology.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Air Force—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Accenture

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$4.0 million for Distributed Mission Interoperability Toolkit (DMIT). DMIT is a suite of tools that enables an enterprise architecture for on-demand, trusted, interoperability among and between mission-oriented C4I systems. This spending will build on funding from previous years to allow DMIT to be extended to Joint and coalition requirements, and address current weaknesses in Air Force management years ahead of current schedules. Adoption by major programs and commercial entities would lead to savings in the \$100 millions on current and future DOD programs.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Navy—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Absecon Mills Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Vienna and Aloe Avenues, PO Box 672, Cologne, NJ 08213

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2.5 million for Force Protection—Non Traditional Weaving Application for Aramid (Ballistic) Fibers and Fabrics. By re-evaluating standard Industry design and manufacturing techniques for force protection technology, we believe Non Traditional weave designs of Aramid (ballistic) fiber coupled with new applications of microwave plasma treatments can enhance the strength of the fiber and result in enhanced individual mobility, ease of medical access, reduced weight, increased ballistic protection, cost effective savings and weight reduction of ballistic materials currently used.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)